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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF NEW ARCHBISHOP

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1. CONSTITUENT ACT PUBLISHED JANUARY 11 ESTABLISHED HIERARCHY OF THIRTY-TWO BISHOPS SCHEDULED TO MEET JANUARY 12 TO SELECT THREE CANDIDATES FOR NEW GREEK ARCHBISHOP. PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS WILL DESIGNATE ARCHBISHOP FROM LIST OF THREE. CONSTITUENT ACT GAVE HIERARCHY SIX MONTHS TO PREPARE NEW CHURCH CHARTER.

2. PRESS CARRIED BISHOP BARNABBAS OF KITROUS WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY LEAVING BISHOPS SERAPHIM FROM IOANNINA AND DIONISOS OF KOZANI AS FAVORED CANDIDATES IF VOTING PROCEEDS AS RAPIDLY AS IN PAST ELECTIONS, PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENTED WITH LIST OF THREE CANDIDATES BY AFTERNOON JANUARY 12.

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3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER CONSTITUENT ACT BARRING

FROM PARTICIPATION IN JANUARY 12 HIERARCHY THIRTY-FOUR
BISHOPS (SEVEN WHO ELECTED ARCHBISHOP IERONYMOS WHO
RESIGNED LAST MONTH AND 27 APPOINTED WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE)
MAY FURTHER DIVIDE THE ALREADY BELEAGUERED ORGANIZATION
OF GREEK CHURCH.
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